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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS)
AND METHOD FOR CORRECTING :
PRINT DATA SO AS TO REDUCE)
DENSITY UNEVENNESS, AND :
IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM)

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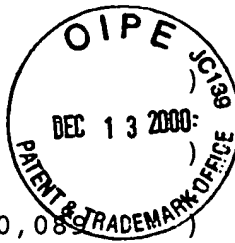
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,528,270
Japan 5-69545

Japan 5-69545 was discussed in the specification at page 2 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there, and U.S. Patent No. 5,528,270 is an English language counterpart to Japan 5,528,270.



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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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